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My cattle are all marked with a hot iron brand registered with the SD Stockgrowers. They can be traced to ranch of origin with this brand. I don't feel indivual animal ID is necessary because if a problem occurs, USDA will test all my animals anyway.

I feel I will be forced (eventually) to use your ID program. I don't feel you are improving on the ID system we are already using that has been proven to work for well over 100 years. I also think that this is the first step toward taking the mark of the beast which I would not knowingly take. See Revelation 13 vs 17 And no men might buy or sell, save that he had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Duane Harris 11165 177th ave

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ELECTRONIC ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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June 13, 2005

The Honorable Mike Johanns Secretary of Agriculture 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. Rm. 200-A Whitten Bldg. Washington, DC 20250 03-4283810 APHIS THE WAY TO DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE.

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Secretary Johanns:

Mr. Secretary of Agriculture . I as a small cattle rancher from NORTH DAKOTA am concerned about this new electronic identification system being implimented upon the livestock producers in this country . It is being said the chip used per animal will cost \$7.00 per head and the wand tool to read the chip up to \$2500.00 ... There is no way in hell i can absorb that cost for this id system .

We have been useing the hot iron branding in this country ever since cattle have been brought into it and it has worked .Same for ear tatoo's .

It is the best VISUAL MARKING on any properly branded animal to this day .

From what I see this electronic I.D. system lets the meat packers off the hook with regaurds to where they get their foreign beef supplies .And then they mix it with USDA inspected beef and sell it as such .

If You and congress would impliment COUNTRY OF ORIGIONAL LABELING on meat sold in and out of this country this would superceed any need of this costly and unneccessary electronic tagging system .

Quit listening to the meat packers and listen to the ranchers for once .

Sincerely, Leon Opp

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As western cattle producers, we are opposed to mandatory ID at this time. If we had COOL at this time, we may feel differently.

As a state, Montana has a brand system for ID, which can be traced quickly and efficiently.

We are also concerned with the information remaining unaccessable to others. We have seen what has happened with stolen social security numbers, and that is very likely to happen with this.

Voluntary ID may be acceptable for those who do not currently have a method of ID.

Norman and Michelle Tebay

Whitehall, MT

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